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## Governor informs public that USDOE has approved grants

Governor Togiola Tulafono used his weekend radio program to inform the public that the US Department of Education has issued a preliminary verbal approval of the local DOE's consolidated grants application, and the only thing left now is to wait for the written approval.

(The Governor assigned Lt. Governor Faoa Sunia to take charge of the local DOE office for 60 days, and appointed Russ Aab as DOE's deputy director of finance earlier this month. Other changes are expected shortly.).

The assignments, according to the Governor, were made to

address the problems at DOE. He credits Faoa, the Governor's Office staff, and everyone who helped steer things in the right direction.

Togiola sent a team to Washington DC to hold discussions with the USDOE about the problems that have hindered the approval of consolidated grants for the territory.

The Governor said his goal was to remove DOE from high risk status but more than a couple of years has passed and no progress has been made. He said more changes will be made at DOE and he hopes everything will fall into place

when representatives from the USDOE travel to the territory to conduct follow-ups on the high-risk findings.

The meetings will involve discussions of grants, operations, and other factors included in the high-risk designation.

According to the Governor, members of his staff have, for two years, continuously put their own jobs on hold while spending most of their time dealing with DOE matters. He said the problems at DOE need to be resolved so his staff can concentrate on their own roles at the Governor's Office.

## Governor apologizes to ASG workers for continuous reduction in hours

During his weekend radio program, Governor Togiola Tulafono apologized to ASG employees affected by the reduction in working hours, saying the cuts will continue until the Fono reconvenes for its next regular session in July.

The Governor indica-

ted earlier that government employees may get their full working hours sometime this month. However, since the Fono did not approve the administration's revenue bills, the reduction in work hours will continue and layoffs may be necessary.

Togiola had hoped the

Fono would approve the money bills which were aimed at resolving the government's financial problems. But that did not happen.

Togiola said the administration is working hard to cut down on expenses and increase revenue collec-

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# Ground breaks for project that will connect outlying villages to ASPA water system

Federal representatives as well as local leaders gathered last week to break ground for the long awaited project that will connect the western end villages of Fagali'i, Fagamalo, and Malota to the ASPA water system.

These are the last villages in the territory to be connected to the government water system.

The USEPA is bringing \$1.43 million to the table to make the project a reality, while the US Department of Interior is providing

more than \$500K.

The projects allows the American Samoa Power Authority to supply potable water to the trio of villages, as they have yet to meet standards set under the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Act.

The project will be carried out by local contractor, CTC.

Assistant Secretary of the DOI's Office of Insular Affairs Anthony Babauta expressed his appreciation of the efforts of local leaders, as well as the USEPA for

funding assistance. He thanked local leaders for their continuous partnership with federal agencies, which has made the project a reality.

Governor Togiola Tulafono offered his gratitude to both local and federal agencies, and thanked those who plan the use of CIP funds for including this project in their plan.

He said that along with improvements to the water system, upgrades will also be made to electricity and communications in the area as the project moves forward.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **To all alcoholic beverage licensees**

Be advised that the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ***will be conducting compliance check activities in your area beginning December 2010 and continuing through December 2011.***

Please remember that selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old is illegal per American Samoa Code, Title 27, Chapter 05; Section 27.0531:

***"No licensee may sell any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21."***

American Samoa is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its people. Our priority issue is to combat and prevent underage drinking and the problems that arise from this illegal activity.

**For additional information, feel free to contact the  
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - EUDL Program at 633-1582.**

### **ASG RADIO PROGRAM**

**With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono**

**On: KSBS FM 92.1**

**Saturdays @ 7:30 a.m.**

**AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED USE OF  
PROGRAM YEAR 2011 COMMUNITY PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT (CPD) FUNDS**

The American Samoa Government announces the proposed use of \$1,510,019 in allocated CPD Funds for Program Year 2011, comprising the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), along with projected CDBG and HOME program income during PY 2011 of \$4,500 and \$420,000, respectively, for the following activities:

<b><u>Community Development Block Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Decent Affordable Home Loan Program for the Most Needy (DAHLP)	\$184,050
Renovation of the Utulei Convention Center	\$357,561
Industrial Park Upgrade and Improvement	\$380,000
Administrative Costs	<u>\$204,840</u>
<b>Total CDBG Funds</b>	<b>\$1,126,451</b>
<b><u>HOME Investment Partnership Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
New Home Construction Loan Program	\$289,533
Home Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$357,000
Administrative Costs	<u>\$114,094</u>
<b>Total HOME Funds</b>	<b>\$760,627</b>
<b><u>Emergency Shelter Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Community Shelter Assistance	\$45,069
Administrative Costs	<u>\$ 2,372</u>
<b>Total ESG Funds</b>	<b>\$47,441</b>

The draft of the American Samoa 2011 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which describes in detail the proposed use of allocated CPD funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and projected income during PY 2010 from the CDBG and HOME programs, is ready.

The AAP draft is available for public inspection from Monday, April 11 to Tuesday, May 10, 2011, and may be reviewed at the Department of Commerce Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the AP Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on workdays.

A public hearing will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Commerce Conference Room, AP Lutali EOB, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Utulei. The hearing is to afford the public the opportunity to comment on the AAP. Written comments are to be submitted to Pat M. Galea'i, who is the Single Point-Of-Contact (SPOC) for HUD and other federal grantor agencies, no later than 2 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2011.

For more information, contact the Head of the Office of Federal Programs and ASG Federal Grants/Coordinator Pat M. Galea'i at 633-5652/633-5653.

**HISTORICAL NOTES**

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

**On April 27, 1960**, the Constitution of American Samoa was ratified and approved by 68 delegates to the Constitutional Convention. "In a historic open-air ceremony, 5,000 persons witnessed the signing of the constitution by each of the 68 members of the convention, followed by the Governor [Peter Tali Coleman] and Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton."

**On April 28, 1841**, Father Peter Chanel, SM was clubbed to death on the island of Futuna in the Wallis Islands by Musumusu, "a favored warrior" of King Niuliki, who did not want his son, Meitala, to be baptized. "The king, incensed at the conversion of his son Meita'a, ordered the riddance of Peter Chanel." Father Chanel was declared a martyr and beatified on November 17, 1889 and was declared to be a Saint by Pope Pius XII on June 12, 1954. Chanel College, founded in 1961 in Moamoa, Western Samoa, was named in honor of St. Peter Chanel.

**On May 1, 1900**, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila Commandant Benjamin Franklin Tilley issued his "Regulation No. 5-1900: Form of Government," which stated that: (1) The laws of the United States of America would be in force in American Samoa; (2) "The customs of the Samoans, not in conflict with the laws of the United States concerning American Samoa, shall be preserved, unless otherwise requested by the representatives of the people;" (3) Village, county and district councils would "retain their own form or forms of meeting together to discuss affairs of the village, county or district according to their own Samoan custom." (4) "The governor, for the time being, of American Samoa, is the head of the government. He is the maker of all laws, and he shall make and control all appointments." The subsequent sections of the Regulation dealt with districts, district governors, *pulenu'u*, judicial administration, village and district courts, the High Court, civil and criminal procedure, the Secretary of Native Affairs, and the Departments of Public Health and Public Works.

**On May 1, 1900**, Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley reported to the Navy Department that "The missionaries working in Tutuila and Manua have given me much help, especially those of the London Missionary Society....These devoted men have done a noble work, and the task of organizing a government is made easy by reason of their hard and patient labor among the natives. Practically all the natives of Manua and most of the natives of Tutuila are professing Christians."

**On May 3, 1817**, Horatio Hale, American ethnologist, was born in Newport, New Hampshire. He was the son of David Hale, a lawyer, who is supposed to have written the verses "Mary had a little lamb," and to have been the first to suggest the national observance of Thanksgiving Day. Hale graduated in 1837 from Harvard University, and served as the philologist for the United States Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842, which was led by Lieutenant Charles Wilkes, US Navy and which visited and surveyed the Samoan islands in October, 1839. Of the reports of that expedition Hale prepared the sixth volume, *Ethnography and Philology* (1846), which is said to have laid the foundations of the ethnography of Polynesia.

**On May 3, 1979**, Continental Airlines began its inaugural service from Pago Pago, American Samoa to Los Angeles, California.

# American Samoa Territorial Energy Office

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

As of March 31, 2011 The State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Voucher Program has been put on hold until further notice.

For more information please  
contact our office at 699-1101

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## **FA'ASILASILAGA FA'ALAUATELE**

Amata ile aso 31 o Mati 2011 Ua taofia nei le polokalama a lenei ofisa mo pepa fesoasoani, e fa'aitiitia ai tau o oloa Energy Star.

Mo ni fesili e aga'i i lenei mataupu,  
fa'amolemole  
fa'afeso'ota'i mai le matou ofisa ile  
699-1101.

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# Governor apologizes to ASG workers... *(from page 1)*

tions so ASG employees whose paychecks have been cut can be returned to their full regular pay.

The only revenue measure the Fono passed during its last regular session was the wage tax bill but the approval was for 2% and not the original proposed amount of 4%. Because of this, the amount of money collected from the wage tax

will not be as much as originally projected. Also, the bill is retroactive to January 1, 2011 and there is no easy way to collect the back taxes, except wait until it's time to file next year's taxes.

The other three revenue bills the Fono is yet to approve include the increase in business license fees, a \$2,000 corporate franchise tax, and

an increase in the excise tax for alcohol, beer, and cigarettes.

Last month, the Governor announced that if the Fono did not approve the administration's revenue bills, the government will have no choice but to start laying people off so the current budget can last until the end of the current fiscal year.

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## American Samoa Government Department of Local Government *OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS* **FA'ASALALAUGA**

*OUTE MUA'I TA LE PULA MA OU VAI SAUSAUINA OU PAIA TUTUILA MA LE MANU'ATELE. OUTE FA'ATULOU TULOUNA LAVA. AE MAGALO IA LE LEO O LE AUAUNA AE O LE A FAAPITO AUGAFA LENEI FA'ASALALAUGA, E FA'ASILASILA ATU AI I LE AVA MA LE FA'AALOALO I LE MAMALU O TUTUILA MA MANU'A. O LO'O TAU SAILIA NEI SE MATUA-O-FAIVA MO LE FAUSIAINA O LE MAOTA TALIMALO O LE MALO O AMERIKA SAMOA.*

*E TAALO ATU AI MA LE AVA E TATAU AI MO I LATOU O LO'O I AI LE TOMAI MA LE AGAVA'A I TUFUGA FAU-FALE O LE ATUNU'U. FA'AFESO'OTA'I MAI LE FAILAUTUSI O MATAUPU TAU-SAMOA I LE TELEFONI: 633-5201 PO'O LE 770-1110.*

*MA LE FA'AALOALO TELE,*

**TUFELE F. LI'AMATUA**  
***O LE FAILAUTUSI O MATAUPU TAU SAMOA***

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"TAPUITEA"***

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*Chanel Barber* ([chanel.barber@doit.as](mailto:chanel.barber@doit.as))



# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

## “Notary Public Commission Class”

The Secretary of American Samoa wishes to inform the residents interested in obtaining a notary public commission, or in renewing a commission, that the next course on notary law and ethics will be offered at the American Samoa Community College on:

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011  
6:00p.m. to 8:30p.m., ASCC**

As is required by the Notary Act of 2007, Public Law 30-18, as amended, anyone who wishes to obtain a Notary Public Commission must undergo and successfully complete a course on Notary Law, Procedure, and Ethics.

For more information and registration, please contact Makerita F. Iosefo, Tuna Ma’ae, or Melesete Haleck at the Office of the Governor at 633-4116.

-Secretary of the American Samoa Office of the Governor

## 3Ps IMMUNIZATION OUTREACH

### PROMOTE - PREVENT - PROTECT

*February 1 - May 31, 2011  
Bring in your child to be immunized*

#### Leone Health Center Schedule:

- Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm (villages) call 688-7822

#### Fagaalu Health Center Schedule:

- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm
- Fridays 4pm - 6pm
- Saturday (TBA) call 633-4388/4389

#### Amouli Health Center Schedule:

- Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm (villages) call 622-7456

#### Tafuna Family Health Center Schedule:

- Mondays 4pm - 6pm
- Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm call 699-6380



The National Park of American Samoa would like to invite the people of American Samoa to celebrate National Park Week by focusing on “Healthy Parks Healthy People.” There are trails to hike on to explore the parks on Tutuila, Ta’u and Ofu, and improve your health and fitness at the same time.

Here, a group of hikers enjoy the half day hike to the top of Mt. Alava where you can view some beautiful scenery from that vantage point.

# Celebrate National Parks

(NPS News Release) President Barack Obama has declared April 16-24, 2011 National Park Week. The National Park of American Samoa would like to invite the people of American Samoa to celebrate National Park Week by focusing on "Healthy Parks Healthy People." National parks all over the United States are reminding the public that their trails and other facilities are a great way to increase personal fitness while experiencing the beauty and heritage of your national parks.

Your national park is located right here on the islands of Tutuila, Ofu and Ta'u. There are ways to explore each

island and increase your health and fitness at the same time. There are trails to hike on both Tutuila and Ta'u, while Ofu provides great swimming and snorkeling opportunities. A half day hike will bring you to the beautiful views from atop Mt. 'Alava. A shorter experience can be enjoyed by visiting the Blunts Point cannons in Utulei. To learn more about a short or long adventure in your local national park, contact the national park office in person or via phone or email. The visitor center is located in Ottoville in the Haleck Building.

The National Park of American Samoa was established in 1988 to preserve

the coral reefs, tropical forest and archeological and cultural resources of American Samoa, to maintain the habitat of fruit bats, and to provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long term agreement with the National Park Service.

For more information about visiting the National Park of American Samoa, call 633-7082, email [NPSA\\_Info@nps.gov](mailto:NPSA_Info@nps.gov) or visit its website – [www.nps.gov/npsa](http://www.nps.gov/npsa). Also visit the national park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

## ASCC Matai Alumni Association Launches Scholarship Award

*By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer*

At a ceremony this past weekend the Matai Alumni Association of the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) presented its first scholarship award of \$500 to Areta Ropeti Areta, a music major at the College. Alumni Association President Lefua Amio Magaeva-Luvu explained that the new scholarship, which the organization hopes to award each semester, is intended to assist students attending ASCC who do not qualify for the Pell Grant and other federal assistance available to most American Samoa residents.

Applicants for the scholarship must have completed 24 credit hours at ASCC with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, completed English 90/91 and Math 80, be attending school full time, and not be the recipient of any other in-house scholarship. "It's a testament to the quality of our programs that students from overseas, especially from neighboring Samoa,

choose to attend ASCC," said Mavaega-Luvu, "but the cost for them to do so is much higher than for American Samoa residents, so with this scholarship we hope to give talented non-Pell students an extra chance to succeed."

A longstanding organization at the College, the Matai Alumni Association participates in a number of projects as part of its mission to provide support for the intellectual, cultural and social advancement of ASCC students and to foster a spirit of unity and networking among its members. Each semester, the Association coordinates with the Math, English, Science and Samoan Studies department heads to present awards to present awards for excellence in those subjects at the Graduate Banquet. When the new ASCC Library was still under development, the Association undertook a radiothon and other fundraising activities to assist with its completion.

While its membership currently

numbers around 50 former ASCC students, Mavaega-Luvu explained that the Association relies primarily on the support of its business and private individual sponsors in the community to fund its graduation awards, including Peter Reid II & Ford Motors, GHC Reid and Company, KS Mart, and Falefatu Fainu'ulelei Alailima Utu and Family. "As our membership increases, we hope to offer additional scholarships to deserving ASCC students," she said, "so I encourage any interested individuals to contact us through our on-campus Alumni Coordinator Mrs. Matesina Willis."

Besides Mavaega-Luvu and Willis, officers in the Matai Alumni Association include Vice President Nunuimalo Apisaloma Toleafoa and Secretary/Treasurer Peteru Lam Yuen. The Association has a Facebook page, as well as a contact link on the ASCC website: [www.amsamoa.edu](http://www.amsamoa.edu).

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